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SUBJECT: SPEECHES TO OASGA BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BARBADOS, COSTA

RICA,MEXICO

VENEZUELA, JAMAICA

1. BARBADOS FOREIGN MINISTER MOE IN WELL RECEIVED ADDRESS STRESSED RESTRUCTURING, STATED THAT SPECIAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING HAD ONLY DETERMINED THAT INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IS GRAVELY ILL BUT HAS NOT DIAGNOSED ILLNESS OR PRESCRIBED CURE. STRESSED HISTORICAL DIFFERENCE OF REGION AND INDICATED IMPRACTICALITY OF KEEPING CUBA OUT OF OAS SYSTEM. SUGGESTED (A) NEED TO GIVE MORE SIGNIFICANCE TO TERM COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, FAIR PLAY IN ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND AN END TO PATERNALISM AND EXPLOITATION, (B) NEED TO SUPPORT PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES BY LIFTING CUBAN SANCTIONS, AND (C) NEED TO OPEN THE OAS TO GUYANA AND BAHAMAS.

2. COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH U.S. "GOOD PARTNER" STANCE VERSUS PREVIOUS LOW PROFILE AND FELT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIALOGUE WITH LESS FORMALISM WAS GREAT IMPROVEMENT. WITH RESPECT

TO RESTRUCTURING, HE CALLEDFOR STRENGTHENING THE OAS STRUCTURE BY THE TWO TECHNICAL COUNCILS ADVISORY AND THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION. HE DECLARED THE TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATIONS AS THE GUERRILLA FORCES OF ECONOMIC AGGRESSION. CITED CUBA ISSUE AS A FORM OF ECONOMIC AGGRESSION.

3. MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA SAID IN BRIEF SPEECH THAT U.S. HAS RADICALLY CHANGED ITS LATIN AMERICAN POLICY FROM INTOLERABLE PATERNALISM TO A DESIRE FOR COOPERATION. HE SAID THE OAS SHOULD BE THE MECHANISM FOR CARRYING OUT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TLATELOLCO AND WASHINGTON MFM'S. THE MFM'S ARE THE BRAIN AND THE OAS THE ARM OF THE SYSTEM. REGARDING REFORM, HE ADVOCATED STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE

PERMANENT COUNCILS AND THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND SUPPORTED

LIMITING THE MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CHARTER, THE RIO TREATY AND THE PACT OF BOGOTA. FINALLY RABASA RESTATED THE IMPORTANCE MEXICO ATTRIBUTES TO IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM. HE ALSO MADE AN INDIRECT REFERENCE TO CUBA.

4. VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACHT ADVOCATED REFORMING AND STRENGTHENING THE OAS WITH THE GOAL OF PROMOTING INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT

AND ERADICATING POVERTY. VENEZUELA BELIEVES THAT COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY IS A CRUCIAL ELEMENT OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY. HE HIGHLIGHTED THREE SIGNIFICANT AREAS FOR ACTION: (A) A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINA TIONAL

CORPORATION: (B) THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; AND (C) COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. HE REITERATED THE VENEZUELAN OFFER TO FINANCE A DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID ALL COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE, LARGE AND SMALL, SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE OAS. REGARDING CUBA, HE SATATED, "I WANT TODECLARE, GENTLEMEN-, THAT VENEZ UELA

FOLLOWS WITH MARKED INTEREST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND WHICH CAN

BE TAKEN SHORTLY IN SEARCH FOR FORMULAS THAT PERMIT THE REINTEGRATION OF CUBA IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM."

5. JAMAICAN MINISTER THOMPSON STRESSED THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POOREST COUNTRIES AND EMPHASIZED THE URGENT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY AFTER THE INCREASE IN OIL PRICES. "A PARTNER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN NEED IS A PARTNER INDEED." HE LAMENTED THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN REFORMING

THE OAS AND SUGGESTED A NEW CONCEPTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WAS THE NECESSARY FIRST STOP. SINCE THE MFM'S HAVE REPLACED THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS THE PRINCIPAL POLICY MAKING ORGAN, THE OAS SHOULD BECOME A BODY TO ADMINISTER TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND TO PROVIDE

A LESS CUMBERSOME FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. ALLUDING TO CUBA

AND GUYANA, MINISTER THOMPSON SAID THE PRINCIPLE OF EXCLUSION SHOULD BE SPARINGLY APPLIED.

6. ALL SPEECHES REFLECTED GREAT CONTRIBUTION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS MADE TO GIVING NEW LIFE TO INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. MAILLI ARD

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